

## REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are in this application. Claims 1-6 have been amended and claims 7-10 have been added.

The second paragraph on page 8 of the specification has been amended to correct the patent number. A copy of the first pages of US patent 4,476,220 and 6,746,220 are attached. It is clear from this that reference to US patent 4,476,220 is incorrect.

Claim 1 has been amended to delete the phrase "high stability". Claim 7 has been added which defines that the ceftiofur sodium is stable for 90 days at  $40^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Support for this feature is found in the table on page 27 of the specification.

The phrase "large excess" has been deleted from claim 1.

Claim 1 has been amended to delete the word "easily" before hydrosable. Claim 8 has been added which defines types of hydrosable esters. Support for this is found in the first full paragraph on page 18 of the specification.

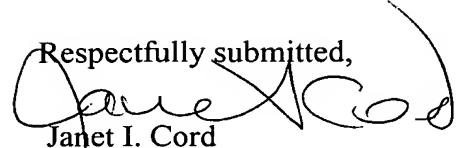
Claim 2 has been amended to delete the preferred temperature. The preferred temperature range of between  $15^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $30^{\circ}\text{C}$  is the subject of claim 9. Claim 2 has also been amended to define that the temperature of is the temperature of step i) of claim 1. This is supported by the disclosure on page 14, lines 5-6 following the structure (VI).

Claim 5 has been amended to delete the preferred molar proportion of organic base to ceftiofur. The preferred molar proportion of organic base to ceftiofur is the subject of claim 10.

A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 filed on October 27, 2003 and postcard receipt showing receipt of these documents and the references are attached.

It is submitted that all of the outstanding issues have been resolved and that early allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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